

SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK A5301 TRICKY B5301

8	5	9	4								
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6					7		4				
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		6						4	8		

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2 Right to vote (8)

9 Not certain (6)

10 Golf pegs (4)

11 In this place (4)

13 Type of tooth (5)

14 Chocolate treat that is a feature of a spring festival (6,3)

16 Take up again (5)

19 Musical symbol (4)

20 Margin (4)

21 Reach a destination (6)

22 Small tropical bird (8)

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8
9								
10					11			
	12				13			
14						15		
16		17			18			
19					20			
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22								

DOWN

1 Common plant with yellow flowers (9)

3 Consumers (5)

4 Bother (4)

5 Wok farmer (anag.) (9)

6 Figure skating jump (4)

7 Mechanic's workplace (6)

8 Remaining fresh and vital (9)

12 Spanish rice dish (6)

15 _ Redmayne, actor (5)

17 Close (4)

18 Only (4)

CHESS

8											
7											
6											
5											
4											
3											
2											
1											
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h				

WHITE TO PLAY

HINT: GET A NEW QUEEN.

TARGET

E	F	L
A	D	O
L	I	C

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here? In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 32;

Very good 48;

Excellent 63 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

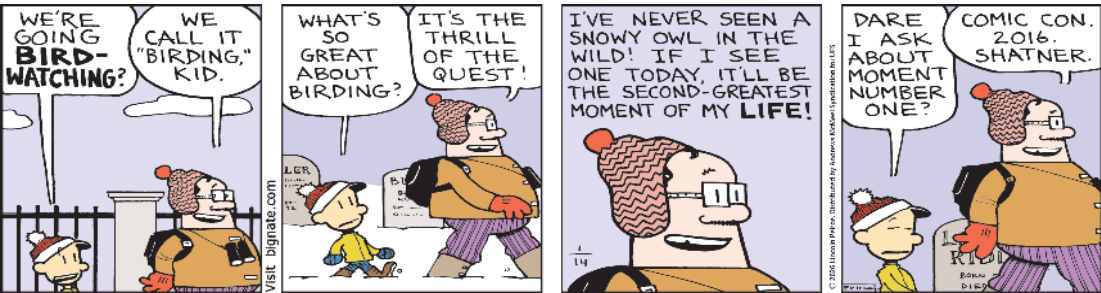
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

GROUCHILY

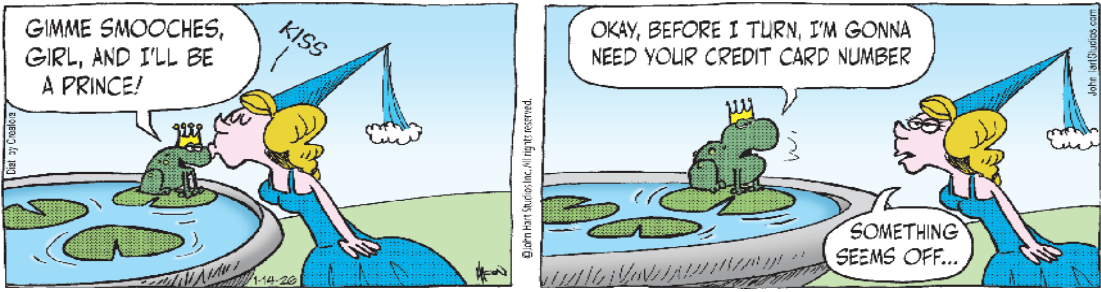
choir chug churl cough ghoul grouch GROUCHILY grouch gulch holy hour houri hourly hurl loch lough lurch ochry orchil ouch rich richly rough roughly yogh

THE METRO FUNNIES

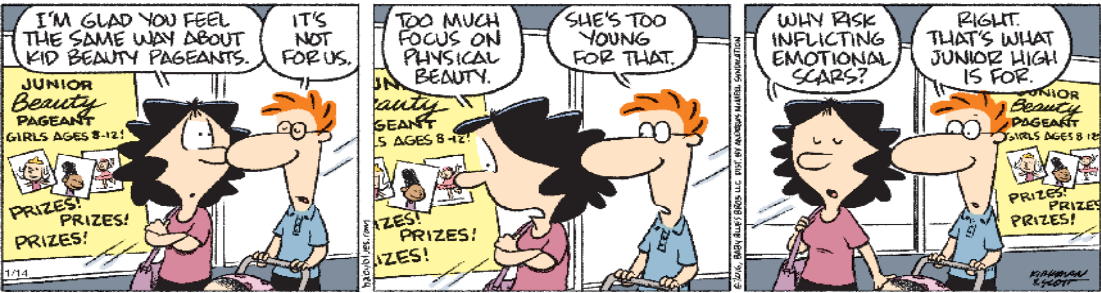
BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE



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BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:57pm	05:24pm	06:03pm	05:22pm	05:28pm	05:58pm
Sunrise	07:13am	07:09am	07:17am	07:01am	07:17am	07:25am

Three Day Forecast

	Today			Tomorrow			Day After			
	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook	
Faisalabad	4	16	Fog	77	6	16	Fog	7	16	Cloudy
Hyderabad	9	26	Sunny	46	10	27	Sunny	12	27	Partly Cloudy
Islamabad	6	19	Mostly Sunny	55	8	19	Partly Cloudy	7	19	Cloudy
Lahore	4	14	Fog	83	5	15	Fog	7	15	Cloudy
Multan	5	18	Sunny	69	7	17	Mostly Sunny	7	18	Cloudy
Peshawar	5	20	Mostly Sunny	53	6	20	Partly Cloudy	6	18	Cloudy
Quetta	4	16	Mostly Sunny	50	6	18	Mostly Sunny	2	16	Cloudy

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212624
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Agar Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Taibba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqal Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIHRS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD

TINSEL

(TINSEL: TIN(T)-sel: Threads or strips of a material used to produce a sparkling appearance.)

Average mark 21 words

Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 38 or more words in TINSEL?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD —

CANVASSING

caning	vinca
canvas	visa
casing	saga
caving	sang
acai	sans
acing	saving
again	scan
angina	sign
assign	sing
avian	snag
naan	gain
vain	
vang	

RULES OF THE GAME:

- Words must be of four or more letters.
- Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
- Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
- Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

- Programme
- Reared
- Otto
- Cobra
- Pyongyang
- Eros
- Rabbi
- Tony
- Useful
- Stalemate.

DOWN

- Prosper
- Oath
- Groans
- Recognise
- Mob
- Marina
- Gargoyle
- Tyrant
- System
- Sofa
- Boa.

METRO EVENTS

BOOK LAUNCH



Deepak, a poetry collection of Rakhshanda Naveed, is launched at Haseena Moin Hall, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 6:30pm.

CONVOCATION

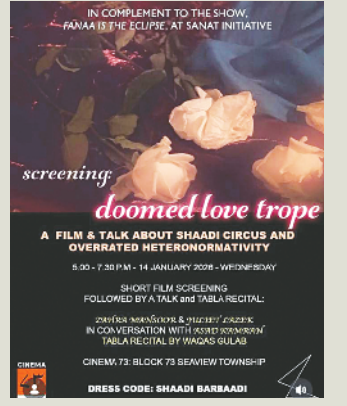
The 23rd convocation of Iqra University is organised at Pakistan Air Force Museum, Sharea Faisal, at 3:30pm.

DISCUSSION

A discussion on 'The Role of Psychotherapy in Your Life' is being organised at T2F at 7:30pm.

FILM

Doomed Love Trope, a short film, is screened at Cinema 73, Seaview Township, at 5pm. It is followed by a talk.



HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

♈ **ARIES** | March 21-April 19

**** Be careful that you don't bite off more than you can chew today in your enthusiasm to impress bosses, parents or authority figures. You will be tempted. (Since you're the hero of the zodiac, it makes sense to give it the old college try.) Stay real. Tonight: You are admired.

♉ **TAURUS** | April 20-May 20

*** You might focus on whether you have the funds (or you will get the funds) for future travel plans that seem exciting. Possibly, these plans might relate to further education or legal matters. Whatever the case, you have high hopes. Listen to the advice of someone older. Tonight: Travel appeals.

♊ **GEMINI** | May 21-June 20

*** Be careful when discussing finances or your assets today. You might overestimate something or promise something that you might later regret. Fortunately, a boss or a parent might be generous to you, or they might give you a tip about increasing your wealth. Tonight: Good fortune.

♋ **CANCER** | June 21-July 22

*** If necessary, you're ready to work and help someone else today, which is admirable. When talking to spouses and partners, be careful you don't promise too much. Likewise, be ready to scrutinize someone else's claims, because they, too, might overextend themselves. (Or it might all work out.) Tonight: Promising romance.

♌ **LEO** | July 23-Aug. 22

**** This is a playful day! Make an effort to socialize or get out and have a little fun. It's true that you're keen to work and get better organized, especially because help from another source will make this possible. However, a work-related romance or a flirtation with someone older might happen. Tonight: Friendly vibes.

♍ **VIRGO** | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** Relax at home today if you can. You've had lots of opportunities to enjoy sports, social outings and activities with kids, which means today might be your chance for a breather. If you don't put fuel in the tank, you won't go anywhere. (But you know this.) Tonight: Fun and romance.

♎ **LIBRA** | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** You have big plans for your home or your family, and these might be doable because hard work will bring about the means for you to attain your goals. Discuss these possibilities with others. Find someone who will really listen to you. (Aquarians are excellent listeners.) Tonight: Entertain.

♏ **SCORPIO** | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** You're thinking about money and cash flow today, which might lead to you making a decision that you will later regret. (Oops.) Don't fall for anything if it seems too good to be true. Today Mercury is opposite expansive Jupiter, which makes people a tad too optimistic. Be careful. Tonight: Contentment.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS** | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Things will tend to go your way today because the Moon is in your sign. Admittedly, it hypes your emotions, but it also tilts the world in your favor. Be careful about money deals. Don't be extravagant. If something looks risky, don't touch it. Tonight: You're strong.

♑ **CAPRICORN** | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** You're empowered with so many planets in your sign. Today Mercury in CAPRICORN is opposite Jupiter, which boosts your enthusiasm and gives you a tendency to jump into the big picture, overlooking the finer points. It will make you a tad cocky. Look before you leap! Tonight: Charming diplomacy.

♒ **AQUARIUS** | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** A confidential discussion with a friend might be important to you today. You might want to share some joyful news or an upbeat point of view about something. Quiet research or a private tip might encourage you to see new ways to boost your income. Tonight: Relax.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

The 100% solution

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ --

♥ A K J 6

♦ K Q J 3

♣ A K 10 7 2

WEST

♠ K Q 8 7 2

♥ 9 5 3

♦ --

♣ Q J 9 6 3

EAST

♠ A J 10 6 4 3

♥ Q 7 4

♦ A 8 5

♣ 8

SOUTH

♠ 9 5

♥ 10 8 2

♦ 10 9 7 6 4 2

♣ 5 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	4 NT	Pass

5 ♦

Opening lead -- king of spades.

Here is a fine hand from a team-of-four match. At the first table, the bidding went as shown, and West led the king of spades. Declarer ruffed with dummy's jack and played the king of trump. East took the ace and returned a trump.

Declarer won with the nine and ruffed his last spade with dummy's last trump. Then, with the contract assured if

he could draw East's remaining trump, he played the A-K of clubs, planning to ruff the next club. Unfortunately, East ruffed the second club, and South later lost a heart finesse to finish down one.

The play started identically at the second table, where the contract was also five diamonds. Here, too, declarer ruffed the spade lead high and led the king of diamonds, East taking the ace and returning a trump. And here also, South ruffed a spade in dummy and cashed the ace of clubs -- but then came a parting of the ways.

Declarer realized he would be running an unnecessary risk by continuing with the king of clubs, since there was certainly a possibility that East might ruff it. So he led a low club from dummy at this point, being perfectly willing to lose a club trick in order to ensure the contract.

West won the club with the six and returned the queen, but South was now in full control. He ruffed the club, drew East's last trump and then discarded his heart loser on the king of clubs to finish with 11 tricks.

South's well-thought-out safety play paid exceptionally fine dividends.

Tomorrow: He shoulda stood in bed.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5300

5	6	7	4	8	3	2	9	1
8	4	1	2	5	9	6	7	3
2	3	9	6	7	1	4	5	8
1	9	4	3	2	8	5	6	7
6	7	2	5	1	4	3	8	9
3	5	8	9	6	7	1	4	2
9	2	6	8	3	5	7	1	4
4	1	3	7	9	6	8	2	5
7	8	5	1	4	2	9	3	6

Tricky — B5300

6	1	4	9	8	3	7	5	2
8	9	2	5	7	4	1	3	6
3	7	5	1	2	6	4	9	8
2	5	7	4	1	8	3	6	9
1	8	3	6	9	5	2	4	7
9	4	6	2	3	7	5	8	1
4	2	9	8	5	1	6	7	3
5	3	8	7	6	2	9	1	4
7	6	1	3	4	9	8	2	5